

Application No.: 09/679,394
Inventor: JEAN WOLOSZKO et al

Atty Docket: S-9-2

REMARKS

As noted in the Office Action, Claims 1-58 and 60-79 are pending in the Application. Of the pending claims, (i) Claims 17- 40 and 54-58 are withdrawn; (ii) Claims 41-53 and 60-66 are allowed; and (iii) Claims 4, 5, 7-13 and 69-75 are allowable if re-written in a form to include the limitations of their base and intervening claims; iv) Claims 1-3, 6, 14-16, 67, 68 and 76-79 are rejected; and (v) Claim 76 is cited for an informality.

By the present amendment:

- i) Claim 4 is amended to include the limitations of Claims 1 and 2, thus eliminating Claims 1 and 2 and placing Claim 4 and dependent Claim 5 in allowable form;
- ii) Claims 6, 7, 9, 14 and 16 are amended to be dependent on Claim 4, thus placing dependent Claims 6 - 16 in allowable form;
- iii) Claim 67 is amended to be dependent on Claim 60, thus placing Claim 67 in allowable form;
- iv) Claim 69 is amended to include the limitation of Claim 68, thus canceling Claim 68 and placing Claim 69 in allowable form;
- v) Claims 76 and 77 are cancelled; and
- vi) Claims 78 and 79 are amended to depend from Claim 69, thus placing Claims 78 and 79 in allowable form.

No new matter was added by these amendments.

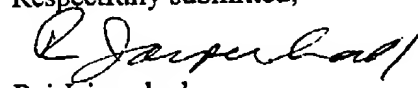
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SUMMARY

By the present amendments, the Applicant believes that the objections and rejections of the Office Action have been addressed and that the Application is in condition for allowance. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and allowance of the Application. If any issue is still outstanding and the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the Application, kindly telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-6486.

Respectfully submitted,



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